(c) The proposal is based on rationalisation and amalgamation of the existing services and augmentation of services where feasible.

Electrification of Jolarpet-Erode Section

1953. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Railways have approved electrification of Jolarpet-Erode section of Southern Railway, if so, the details of the project;

(b) what is the amount sanctioned by Railways for this project; and

(c) by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Electrification of Jolar-pettai-Erode and Salem-xVIettur Dam sections has been approved in the Railways Works Programme for 1987-88. The project involves electrification of about 221 route kilometres of the sections at an estimated cost of Rs. 47 crores. An outlay of Rs. 0.50 crores has been allotted in 1987-88 for taking up preliminary works connected with electrification.

(c) No target for completion has been fixed-

Designations of University Teachers

1954. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH. PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether the various academic bodies set up since the University Education Commission, 1948-49 to the UGC Committee of 1969—73 had recommended reduction in the number of grades and designations of teachers in the University system, but Mehrotra Committee on the other hand has suggested 5 grades instead of the current 3; and

(b) what are Government's decisions in this regard ana what are the reactions of college and University teachers in the country thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Mehrotra. Committee, in its report, has dealt with the evolution of pay scales of University and College teachers since independence. According to the report, the University Education Commission (1948-49), under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, had recommended that the multiplicity of scales of pay, which then' existed, should be reduced to the minimum. The Commission recommended 6 grades for university teachers, and another 6 for college teachers, a total of 12 grades in all. The Education Commission (1964— 66) had recommended three grades for university and 5 other grades for college teachers including the Principal. It was only in 1973, on the recommendations of the Sen Committee, that four grades were introduced in Universities including Professor of Eminence and all the existing grades of Lecturers in Colleges were combined into one grade. Later, the selection grade for Lecturers in colleges was introduced. The Mehrotra Committee has recommended one additional senior scale for Lecturers.

(b) The Government have accepted the recommendations of the Meh-